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EDITORIAL

After the torrid drama of the Falklands war from April to June, which must have overwhelmed most other news - UFO or otherwise - the Summer has now passed off more quietly, save for those poor unfortunates in Beirut or Iran. UFO sightings have been few and far between, but reports are still arriving at Data Research. We have commented before that activity may remain constant but fashion in reporting may vary according to the whim of the media. For instance, the war in Afghanistan - presumably still on - is only mentioned about once a month, and the war between Iraq and Iran, now two years old, likewise. The events in Lebanon have been a continuous news event for 3 months but this could suddenly change if a peaceful situation eventually emerges. One good UFO case with maximum coverage and impact could regenerate the scene and encourage unreported cases to come out in the open.

The administration of our organisation has been modified to simplify procedures. The International Advisory Council has been merged with the UK Committee to form one council known as the CONTACT INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL. The President, Ruth Rees, has written on succeeding pages to explain these changes. The new Constitution is being prepared and will be delivered with the next copy of Awareness. Our annual get-together will still be held, but we hope more as an informal meeting for Investigators to show their faces and pass on experiences.

New members are reminded to order their car-stickers from headquarters. An advertisement appears in our new "Small Ads." idea towards the back of this edition. The sticker has been productive in obtaining statements from people who have never reported some very good UFO sightings. Your Editor heard an excellent report from a lorry driver who was delivering next to where his car was parked.

Whilst on holiday in Brittany, France, recently, I visited some unusual places such as the Alignments of Carnac, the megalithic stone column, something like Avebury in Wiltshire, and some incredible formations of giant boulders at Huelgoat. Smooth granite boulders weighing 50-150 tons each are piled up to form natural caves or individuals are found laying in woodland as if they had fallen from the sky. There is no other rocky strata in the area which could account for land-slips in the past. On the basis of being a potential Erich von Daniken, we would welcome reports of unusual places which members may have visited and where there may be a "mystery". No connection with UFOs is necessary.

We have some good original material in this edition, including the second report of the regression case. Thanks to all contributors who have helped to maintain the standard of our articles.

The Editor.

NEWSLETTER from the President

It's nice to be back. Unfortunately, there has been quite a hiatus since my last Newsletter, but this was due to circumstances completely outside my control (amongst which being in hospital for an op., was one) and the months just seemed to slide away.

Our new branch in Malta seems to be flourishing, and I hear that Ivan Sant has been in touch with our South African branch in Durban, though they seem to be going through a changeable period right now. Ivan asks me when are we going to have a Contact International Conference, and I will be coming back to this later in this Newsletter.

First of all, I want to direct a word to all our overseas readers.

In recent years there has been a noticeable slackening off of contact with people overseas. I realise well that this probably has a great deal to do with the general economic demoralisation that most of the world is passing through which seems to have put a pall on many people's spirits - not to say finances. However, it would be nice to get the international side really active again so I invite all our friends from other countries to drop me a line (c/o the Awareness Editorial Office) if they feel they are in a position and frame of mind to form Contact International groups in their respective regions. Remember, it only takes four people to form a branch

I know that we appear to be moving through the doldrums as far as UFO sightings are concerned. But the relevant word is "appear". The fact is sightings continue, it is just that the media have become a little blase about the whole phenomenon and unless there is a major incident of some kind concerning UFOs, it is unlikely that the subject will get the kind of enthusiastic coverage it has had for the past couple of decades. But irrespective of whether the media take any notice or not, we must go on reporting, investigating and classifying. That is the *raison d'etre* of Contact International's existence, for one day, in the mid or distant future, all our statistics are going to prove vitally useful for those very authorities and people who still deride or cover-up the UFO phenomenon. So we must treat these people and organisations more with sorrow than anger, remembering that, to use an Americanism, there will be so much egg left on their faces they will be able to make a giant tortilla from it!

So come on France, Spain, Mexico, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, etc., etc., get in touch.

Incidentally, Malta have asked for some kind of official document to hang up at the H/Q which authorises them as our official branch on the island. We think this is rather a good idea and are taking steps to have these prepared not only for Malta but for other overseas branches.

If any of our homegrown Contact International members would like to suggest any groups or individuals from overseas who might care to join Contact, do please let me know.

Now for some major changes.

We have at last streamlined the organisational system of Contact International. In the past, much confusion has arisen because of the similarity and overlapping of functions of the Advisory Council and the C.I. (U.K.) Committee. The one giant step for C.I. members has now been taken: the two bodies have merged and a new Constitution has been formulated.

This will mean that things generally will follow a more efficient and smooth pattern. The AGMs fall away and in their place we shall have an annual Contact International Conference which we think will have more items of interest. The new governing body is called the Contact International Council and the council members remain as before except that my own position now moves on to the Council and any changes in the structure of this council are made by myself with the agreement of its members.

This new method and Constitution will, it is envisaged, give more stability and continuity of effort to the organisation generally. And perhaps I should remind all our members that C.I. was founded way back in 1967, and that our Founder President is Lord Clancarty whose UFO committee in the House of Lords is now known internationally. I should also like to point out that our Data Research Centre in Oxford is unique and probably the only one of its kind in the country perhaps Europe - who knows - the world! This has all been due to the unstinting and tireless efforts of the Data Research team headed by Derek Mansell and it provides the very core of C.I. The results of this painstaking research form an information bank on UFOs that not only give C.I. the reputation that has made it a source for general and media enquiries, but also for the soundness of its authoritative information.

I must take this opportunity of emphasizing a point that can never be emphasized too much or too often. Contact International's aims are solely to report, investigate, inform about and exchange information on the UFO phenomenon. It is not, nor has any links with, an organisation or individuals engaged on cult activities, esoteric groups or others involved with what might be called fringe matters, so many of whom have made the subject of UFO research a laughing matter throughout the world. Membership is open to all serious students of the UFO problem, and the only prerequisite we ask for is objectivity and a scientific approach. There are plenty of other organisations catering for those who have managed to drag the UFO phenomenon into spheres where it does not belong. Contact International has its feet on the ground, even though its eyes may be on the skies.

Incidentally, this magazine is to have a new feature - an Ads., column for general advertisements. So, if you want to buy or sell anything, are looking for accommodation elsewhere, want to exchange an old UFO for a new model, or have any other requirements best served by placing an ad., - try Awareness. I understand the advertising rates are extremely reasonable.

All the best - R. Rees, President.

GREEN LAND BEYOND THE POLE

By R. W. Tibbitts *

There are many UFOlogists who believe that the source of many UFO's lies somewhere on or within the earth itself.

One of the more popular theories is that the earth is doughnut shaped and flattened at the poles, bearing vast areas of yet unexplored land. This land, according to that school of thought, is inhabited by a race of beings of a presumably higher intelligence to us. These people have been there as long, if not longer, than the present known civilisation.

Their presence has been manifesting to our people for many centuries in the form of fairies, demons, gnomes and the like. They have been able to exist alongside with "humanity" on the whole unnoticed and not being interfered with by us, but when they have been seen by people, they have been misinterpreted and confused with, and as, part of the usual superstition which seems to rule so many earthly lives.

Many of our legends speak of this race of people.

In recent years, the contactee has been entertained by these beings. Their real reasons for this type of contact is, as yet, not clearly understood. However, in order to keep their origin a secret, they may have deliberately misled their contact into believing them to come from "Venus" or some distant galaxy. The message, more often than not, is given to them in the form of a warning; of imminent danger from continued misuse of Atomic energy. Following this line of thought, it is perhaps possible that some further contactees will relate messages about the various forms of pollution threatening the earth.

Their concern is hard to understand when adopting the popular belief that they originate in outer space, but not so hard when one explores the possibility that they may dwell in or upon the earth with us. Even John Keel's "Ultraterrestrial" theory may fit in with this. That is, a form of intelligent life which exists alongside us, but in a different space/time continuum and, therefore, could be affected by our foolish use of nuclear power. Obviously a nuclear war, or unbearable pollution is not going to be commended by these people. On the contrary, they will try to dissuade the governments from using these pollutants. However, it is not yet fully understood why they contact "ordinary" folk who have little authority over such "high level" decisions.

Look at it this way. How is it possible for the UFO's to show up almost immediately after many catastrophies such as earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and also man-made upheavals like atomic bomb tests?

Perhaps because they have not got very far to come!

It would take the light from an atomic explosion about four years to travel from earth to the nearest star. To our known science, it would then take a possible observer four years to travel to the earth at the speed of light, and by then of course, they would have missed the show. Our observers could, I suppose, have bases a little nearer earth. One conclusion that can be drawn from this is that they saw our 'explosion' somewhere near the earth, or detected it upon the Earth.

In January and February, 1947, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, led an expedition to Antarctica, and carried out extensive aerial investigations over a wide area of the continent. Some of his discoveries were outstanding and of the greatest importance. In view of what has been said above, these discoveries become even more important.

The expedition was the largest and best equipped of its kind to ever proceed to Antarctica. On December 2, 1946, 13 sea vessels set out from Norfolk (Virginia) and San Diego (California). On board were 4,000 men, including scientists, cartographers, radio experts and press men. The whole expedition, under command of Rear Admiral R. H. Cruzen was split into three groups, the central group being led by Byrd. He was equipped with long range sea-planes with the then latest de-icing and photographic equipment, for carrying out extensive flights over the vast continent. A tent town was set up on the Ross Ice Shelf and was to be the headquarters of the expedition.

On February 7, Byrd announced from the base that discoveries had been made which would necessitate radical alterations of all existing maps of Antarctica; including great mountain peaks 15,000ft. high, in hitherto unknown territory between Marie Byrd Land and James Ellsworth land. New islands and peninsulas, large bays with mountain borders, one of which was surrounded by peaks 8,000ft., high. One of the most remarkable discoveries was made on February 10, when planes of the Western group, flying over Knox Coast found an island oasis 500ft., above sea level, of lakes and mounds which was completely devoid of ice and stretched for about 40 miles. Capt. C. Bond, commanding this group said that the lakes were of a "pea-green, muddy colour, interspersed with dark blue and light green", and the mounds as being a dark brown colour rising about 500ft. A sea-plane, landing on one of the lakes reported that the water was appreciably warmer than elsewhere in the Antarctic, and that the rocks in that region looked as though they might have contained certain ores.

Between the lakes, the ground was of a varied red or green colour which, to some members of the expedition, suggested the possibility of plant life and to others thermal springs, though this could not be known without further investigation. No explanation was forthcoming of the existence of this 'lake oasis'. Scientists said that the discovery was of the greatest significance from both geographical and geological standpoints and that the area

might be warm enough to support year-round human settlements.

On February 15, Byrd flew within 170 miles of the pole and discovered a previously unknown range of mountains which were reddish in colour and on the following day FLEW OVER THE SOUTH POLE AND BEYOND TO PHOTOGRAPH 75,000 sq. miles OF NEW TERRITORY, NEVER BEFORE SEEN BY MAN, AND ALSO CONTAINING GREAT MOUNTAINS. Altogether, 70,000 aerial photographs had been taken and an area as big as the USA, Mexico and Europe combined, had been navigated. Could it be just possible that the UFO's originate from this vast area of land beyond the pole which, to all accounts has areas of quite habitable climate? It is a possibility worthy of much thought.

The poles are just two areas where the UFO's may come from. What about the dense tropical jungles in Brazil and parts of Africa, let alone the two-thirds of our planet which is covered by water.

R. W. Tibbitts

Direct Taped Reports: No. 1

The intention of this article is to utilise extracts from tape recordings made by a witness to a UFO sighting. The tape was compiled by the witness without the presence of any Investigator and is therefore as original as is possible to obtain. Only minor editorial changes have been made so that the experiences are exactly as the witness remembers them.

It is hoped we may be able to introduce more of these taped reports in future magazines and we invite Investigators to submit tapes if they are able to utilize them. In all cases, the percipients will be referred to only by Christian name and town/County location or entirely anonymous. - Ed.

My name is Joan. I live Nr. Cuddesdon, Oxfordshire, in a thatched house alongside a bridle path. The area is isolated, the house being surrounded by farmland. The bridle path in front of the house is a country lane, bounded by hedges and trees, and as I said, very isolated.

I am putting on record an account of UFO sightings that I and my husband had when we were sitting quietly one evening in our television room, which faces westward. It was in fact one of several curious incidents around the same time, because prior to the major sighting, I had some days before, or rather some evenings before, taken my dog out into the lane for his late night airing and on one particular dry night, which was starlit (it was about 11 o'clock), I happened to notice what appeared to be fog lamps, several of them, up in the field beyond the gate off the top of the lane only about 25 yards from our front gate. I didn't take too much notice because I thought they must be the fog lights on a tractor, and then immediately realised how ridiculous it was because

a) it was a clear night and (b) there was no sound of tractor - in any case, the formation was irregular and there appeared to be 2 or 3 lights hovering in the air. As I focussed attention on this, I noticed one of these lights detach itself and come down the hill toward me, where I was standing a little way up the lane towards the gate into the field. As it came nearer, I observed that it was about the size of a football and had fuzzy edges. I became more and more alarmed as it stopped, suspended above the gate to the field, and I turned tail and fled with the dog indoors, bolted the door and ran up to the television room, which looks westward and from which I could get a view of the field, where I had seen these lights. They were still there, and the light that came to hover above the gate had in fact receded. So there were several of them grouped somewhere up in the field.

As a Christian, I began to pray and asked for protection and guidance if need be, no knowing what I was looking at and as I watched after a few seconds, the lights began to fade. I say 'fade' but in a way, they appeared more to evaporate, than fade. In all events, I felt quite uneasy and I left it at that. I didn't think anymore about that particular happening, I didn't brood on it because I don't feel it's good to foster too much pre-occupation with things one doesn't understand. However, this was something out of my experience and I just left it at that. Later, several evenings later, my husband and I were sitting quietly in our television room and the curtains were not drawn. The sky outside still showed some light, as it faces westward. The horizon does throw up some of the last light from the sun gone down in the horizon. And it was still possible to see some of the sky with patches of cirrus cloud. While we sat there I was not too much interested in the programme, though my husband was watching it. I began to notice a light - very white - which appeared to be getting brighter and also appeared to be rising behind the old elm trees, which were about 50-80 yards from the house - they are actually felled now, but there were several of them. The light grew brighter and higher and I dashed to the window to see what it was. Immediately to be joined by my husband saying: "Good heavens, what is it?" 'It' turned out to be a brilliant white object, glowing with tremendous white fire, reminiscent of magnesium flare, magnified 1,000 times - so much so we had to duck our heads as it came immediately in front of our vision. It didn't appear at the time to be going fast, not much faster than one of the older aircraft, but suddenly without any obvious acceleration at all, shot up in the air and disappeared behind one of the cirrus clouds. We were utterly astounded at the incredible speed, hardly measurable in our known limits of speed. What we did have a chance to see, was that the object, as we saw it appeared to be - I could only describe it at that point as wedge shaped - it was difficult as the light was so brilliant, it was hard to make out the actual shape. Whatever it was, we were certain, it was in the centre of this light. It was noticeable that there was reddish-orangy flare glow at the back, which may have been burning up of the dust in the atmosphere. It was that kind of impression and there was also a ring of greenish light on the outer edge of the light itself. We had no doubt, that we had seen a UFO and that it was some kind of physical object, propelled by some means which is quite unknown to us at this time.

..... We were having a prayer meeting at our house and a number of people were coming out of my husband's old studio in the garden, where we were having the prayer meeting. One of the men - he is now a pastor of an assembly in Oxford and had been in the Police Force - and another who was a television actor at the time (he actually had been in training on night fighters so he knew something of what he was looking at) suddenly saw some strange lights. I was a bit ahead of them on the path. I heard them shout: "What on earth are those? Look at those trails!" They were looking at some curious tracks in the sky. I myself didn't actually see them because, to tell the truth, I was not interested. I thought they were looking at some jet trails, until they came indoors where I was already getting cups of tea and explained that they were like no other trails they had seen. Just after that we were joined by a lady friend who said: "Do you know Joan, there are orange lights jumping to and fro over the Studio?" Which was sufficiently interesting and we were all just completely nonplus. We didn't know what to make of it and we didn't do any more but give a passing comment or two. We left it at that.

Now I would like to pass on an account which was given to me by a Pentecostal Evangelist, a most devout Christian and Minister in Scandinavia, who has a very high reputation for his uprightness and his morality in everything, and he has been responsible for bringing thousands of people in campaigns in Scandinavia and elsewhere in the world to Christ. His testimony is absolutely unimpeachable and he gave this information, when I and some friends were together whilst he was here, about UFO's. He said ordinarily he didn't talk about these things but since we were obviously interested, he would tell us what had happened to him, when he was campaigning in North of Norway some years ago. He said he heard of a farm family 50 miles North who had actually seen a UFO land on their farm land and that contact of some kind was made. He was very interested in this, he had already a report from two Christians who had been driving to a Church in Oslo when they thought they saw a flash of lightning, although the weather didn't suggest lightning and they commented on it. But almost immediately afterwards it happened again and 25 meters in front of them they saw something landing. It looked like a clock. They pulled up and they said they were convinced they were being watched through an aperture in the side of the machine, whatever it was. Far from being afraid, they felt tremendous spiritual joy (as they put it) and they just watched the machine, convinced they were being watched in return. Until suddenly, at tremendous speed, it went straight up in the air and disappeared. They said no-one would believe that this happened to us, they would think we were making it up. In fact, when they got to Oslo and got out of their car they discovered it had changed colour, from brown to green. And it was suggested, I don't know by whom, that it had been subject to some kind of magnetic field!

.... Just one or two points I would like to add. First that it is a curious thing when I have spoken about our having sighted a UFO and I don't do it very often, but as often as I have done, I have found the person I have spoken to has seen a UFO.

Talking to a Welshman who worked for the Council at Abingdon at one time, this matter came up and he said that he had been camping with his sister in the Welsh Mountains a while ago. He said they had separate tents and he'd gone up because he couldn't sleep. It was a lovely night and he went up for a breath of fresh air. To his amazement he saw what he is certain was undoubtedly a UFO moving about in the sky. He called his sister to look at it and she agreed that it was what it was. But as he said he would never speak about it to anybody unless it was in the way I have spoken to him because he felt nobody would believe him and that he was imagining things. It does seem curious that also before I saw the first orange lights in the field, mentioned at the beginning of this tape, for a couple of days, I had actually wanted to see a UFO. This is very strange because I don't go out looking for things, but it was as if it was laid on my mind - almost to expect it. It may seem strange but I know there have been suggestions that entities are trying to influence the minds of the human race. One ex-diplomat I believe had studied this subject for eleven years and he and his associates had come up with the idea that there were several different groups seeking to contact and possibly influence the minds of the Earth race.

About this I don't know but I can only say I think it's strange that from not having had any particular interest in this subject, for two or three days before the happenings I recorded took place I had had this thought flickering in and out of my mind that I would rather like to see a UFO. And despite the fact a psychiatrist might suggest I was producing a fantasy which my imagination fulfilled. I can only say how thankful I am that my husband who is the most unflappable, calm, thoughtful and responsible person, was actually with me at the sighting and can corroborate exactly what I have put on the record. In fact the following night, after we had seen the UFO, we did go outside to the back of the house, which is westward, and we believe we saw again the same, or similar, object going in an arc overhead, but it was very high and we didn't have any close view of it. I believe it was not an aircraft, as I've said before I'm used to seeing them move around when they go to Abingdon. I was in fact, after the war, working in British Airways, so I know quite a lot about that side of things. At all events, I could only put on record the things that I have come across.

EVANESCENT PHENOMENA

by Michael C. Soper *

Many UFO phenomena involving sightings are extremely fleeting, the whole episode lasting less than one second. Such sightings are frequently cast in doubt by their brevity. But this is not really fair on the witness involved, and this sceptical attitude makes some assumptions about the nature of such evanescent phenomena. The first assumption is that a brief sighting is more likely to have the nature of illusion or delusion; the second assumption is that if the phenomenon is purely psychic that this somehow disposes of the claim. The biggest assumption is that the sighting is either physical

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or psychic and cannot be both. But a reading of what the quantum physicists have been saying (John A. Wheeler particularly) (1) shows that the world around us has many misleading features that have a great deal to associate them with the kind of world we have been trained to 'project' and not a lot to link them with the facts about the nature of matter, or perhaps of motion. The quantum rules, according to Michael Talbot and Fritjof Capra (2) do not select which of the equally likely outcomes of some experiment will be seen to occur; the decision is made by what has been termed a reality-structurer (the interface of mind and the world) that makes a decision about which world we shall witness; the other outcomes continue in a super-world that contains all the other outcomes as well as the outcome observed. The reality-structurer is the operational role of the collective Unconscious, in the Jungian sense (3). Thus it follows that one cannot neatly distinguish between physical and psychic phenomena of very short duration; attempting to distinguish is now to project a fallacious model for the world. One might say that an Uncertainty Principle seems to allow very bizarre events, as long as they are of short duration. (Somewhat similar to the case of 'virtual' particles.).

Firstly one can ask about the kind of assumptions the human sensorium makes about the world and show how recent developments have modified this instinctual viewpoint. We live in three dimensions; true or false? Not that simple: our feeling that we have three dimensions results from the fact that in motion we have three 'degrees of freedom'; we can say that we have three degrees of freedom, but not prove that we have three 'dimensions' because there may be other dimensions that exist, but as we are not free to see or move in them, then they would remain unperceived. A recent view on how our dimensionality, or now we should say our degrees of freedom is derived from the rules of quantum mechanics is given by R. Penrose (4) (the superposition of two quantum states A, B is given by $aA + bB$, where a, b are two-dimensional complex numbers; when working out the resultant only the ratio a/b is important): the superposition of two states depends on the ratio of two complex numbers and is thus two dimensional; for every direction in space, an extra third degree of freedom comes from adding distance to the two-dimensional direction, 'So the three-dimensionality of space is related intimately to the fact that complex numbers are used in the linear superposition law,' writes Penrose. Matter generates the three degrees of freedom. But was the world always thus? According to some physicists, "NO". They claim that until a few fractions of a second after the big bang, the world had more spatial degrees of freedom; as each one of these 'collapsed' a new quantum number appeared in matter; on this view the mysterious quantum numbers are each a relic of a lost dimensionality. Another question: does the Human race live in a world with just one time? Well, when you consider the past and memory it certainly seems so, but then, the world is not a machine. For us, there is freedom in the present moment. Suppose the world to have two time dimensions or degrees of 'freedom' and consider memory; even if one had the freedom of one extra time dimension, memory would not necessarily be any different in operation because at each choice of time-path that one made, only one path was chosen. This means that because of the operation of memory even if the world had two time

dimensions, retrospectively it would only seem to have one. All our perceptions are a little bit in the past. If one compares the qualitative difference between experience in the present and experiences in the past, as memory, one can see that our freedom may result from there always being two time dimensions in the future but only one (the straightened-out track) in memory. The answer to the question is "Not sure". We may live in a two-time world. Thus we cannot 'prove' that we live in just three space dimensions and one time dimension.

If the Human race sees a world that each person projects, then how does each mind decide which alternative path to witness?

If this is the true nature of the world, what is now to save us from formlessness and chaos? The world is manifestly not chaotic.

Secondly one can ask about the role of the Collective Unconscious. If the Collective Unconscious in operation is the 'reality-structurer' (Talbot's term) it follows that a briefly glimpsed UFO can be psychic projection and a physical object, though may only exist in our world in 'evanescent mode'; the witness is glimpsing one possible world, for a brief moment of time. This conclusion is difficult to believe at first, until the shaky phenomenology of our 'percieved world' is faced. Evanescent events do happen in this realm. If one believes in 'tulpas' this is a sufficient example. The strong prejudice to feel that evanescent events are insignificant and illusory is part of the persistent, but continually erroneous, force of the 'world' we are built to see. In a sense quantum rules are more persistent and enduring. Even the widespread notion of capacity or volume has been shown a self-inconsistent concept, mathematically.

Again, we are each built with a prediliclion for asking 'what is the case?'; this is a very unhelpful question because it encourages the construction of conscious models and metaphors that 'get in the way of' passive perception, and make us confuse symbol and reality.

Thirdly one may ask about the role of the collective Unconscious, as the reality-structurer. See C.J. Jung collected works Vol. 9i and 10. In vol. 10 he considers early UFO reports as evidence for a myth in our times. This use of myth, from what has been said above does not imply that UFOs are not physical. To consider this now more generally; the collective Unconscious is the 'mental' correlate of the fact that the whole race has similar brains and early experiences. (In fact all sentient races must have many types of early experience in common, if they start off dependant). The whole race seems to speak to itself through the Collective Unconscious. If any other sentient species has an Unconscious mind, then they must have a Collective Unconscious mind. One may speculate on the hypothesis that there is a common super-Collective-Unconscious unit in all sufficiently intelligent life; in that case, at a very deep level; some of the visions and archetypes that we see and project may come from them, including evanescent phenomena. Should this be the case, Jung should really have noticed the archetype 'alien', because it seems unquestionably an archetypal figure. Assuming this hypothesis,

UFO reports and evanescent phenomena of all kinds should be re-examined as 'meaning', as messages perhaps; because the Collective Unconscious has the power to form events. The races are not linked consciously, but they may all be linked through their unconscious.

There is the hypothesis that UFOs may be physical in some dimensions that we have lost, and which only appear as quantum number; this would explain the apparent radioactive nature of some physical contacts. But the main burden of this article is the plea to ask what a UFO encounter means, especially when it's evanescent.

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UFO INCIDENT AT HYDRO-ELECTRIC INSTALLATION

by Brian Burden*

The late Willy Ley was one of the German rocket pioneers. With the advent of Hitler, he went to America and built himself a reputation as a writer of works of popular science. Readers may recognise such titles as Ranger to the Moon and Mariner IV to Mars, both published by Signet Books. Ley also left an account of a rather spectacular UFO incident at a hydro-electric dam. The account is of special interest not only because of the author's credentials but also because it was written in 1940.

1940 - and Kenneth Arnold was still seven years away, yet, as a matter of fact, British pilots were already reporting unidentified flying objects and British motorists were already reporting that their engines were being stopped, as if by some mysterious external force. (1)

The first sign of the presence of the UFOs near the dam, reports Ley, was that:

"Suddenly, the needles of the gauges behaved insanely. Those that ought to remain at zero showed unbelievable overloads. Others dropped to zero and behaved as if they were desperately

trying to indicate negative values. Dozens of warning lights blinked crazily. Almost every warning bell began to ring ... in an odd staccato rhythm ...

Telephone bells began to ring too, and light music on the radio was blotted out by thunderous static.

The disturbance ceased, only to begin again almost immediately. Some of the staff rushed outside. It was a moonlight night, and they saw "three dirigibles ... cruising at low speed over the forests, headed for the dam and the power house ... They looked somewhat like the fuselage of a large airplane ... There were no motors, no propellers, not even wings or rail surfaces. Just unsupported beautiful looking hulls, as large as small ocean liners. Occasionally something that looked like luminous spirals appeared near the tail."

All these features find their counterparts in the UFO literature; perhaps one should draw special attention to the analogies with the Wanaque Reservoir case.

Then someone made the mistake of shining a searchlight on one of the UFOs. The UFO responded with a vivid, destructive beam. "Obviously," remarks Ley drily, "bright light was disliked by the occupants of the three ships".

Events then began to move fast; the ships settled down near the dam and began to drain electric power from the grid. Aircraft were now sent in: "One of them returned, reporting that the other had suddenly broken to pieces in mid-air ...". Shades of Captain Mantell - whose mysterious fate was still eight years away!

By now, I suspect, most readers will be smelling a rat: why has something with all the hallmarks of a classic UFO event escaped general notice until now? The answer is that Ley wrote this account under the pseudonym "Robert Willey" - as fiction. The story, entitled The Invasion appears in an anthology called The Expert Dreamers, edited by Frederik Pohl (2).

But the mystery hardly ends there. To begin with, Ley has by no means finished serving up what are now standard features of the UFO syndrome. The "dirigibles" are later sighted in various parts of the world and are seen, when pursued to flee to a higher altitude and discharge "a bright ball of light, that was at first deep violet, changed slowly to blue and more rapidly through all the others colours of the rainbow to red".

The subsequent official investigation which Ley describes is highly reminiscent of Project Sign: "The military authorities had to admit that their secret service had not been able to find even the slightest clue that ships of this type had been built in any other country." Their expert, the astronomer Prof. Hasgrave, proposes that the ships are "arrivals from another planet, possibly even another solar system."

Most curious of all, is the conclusion. After this terrific

build-up, the story ends with a terrible anticlimax. The alien ships "dig-in" (literally !) near the dam, protected from all attack by a force field; but intrepid Walter Harling risks his life to reach the field, and the spaceships are promptly blown to smithereens by the US Army. We never get to find out where the ships come from, what they are made of, how they are propelled, or even who drives.

Why has Ley resolutely declined to speculate? I suggest that it is because the story, though not true as a totality, is a compilation of truths. Ley was a scientist who moved among scientists particularly scientists who were interested in rocketry and its potential application to space-travel (3). With the panic generated by Orson Welles' "War of the Worlds" radio spectacular fresh in human memory and America's imminent involvement in World War 2 a probability if not a certainty, the US government would certainly suppress information indicating interplanetary visitation, but it could not prevent it from circulating among the scientific community. Flammondes account of the press' handling of Kenneth Arnold's historic sighting strongly indicates news management (4). Ley's story suggests that Uncle Sam was sitting on a secret for seven long years.

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U.F.O. CLOSE CONTACT CASE

Part Two

Investigator Anthony Dodd

On Thursday, 20th May 1982 a further hypnotic session was held and lasted from 8.30p.m. to 12.30 a.m. Mrs. x was taken back over her journey to the point when she was in contact with the lights. The conversation once again took the form of questions and answers. The sequence of events went as follows:-

(Questions to Mrs. x were put by the hypnotist, Graham Birdsall and Anthony Dodd.)

Q. Can you see the lights.

- A. One's sparkling in front of me, wiggly, wiggly, wiggly, dark and light, dark and light.
 Q. How many are there.
 A. Two.
 Q. What colour are they.
 A. Pale green.
 Q. Are they in front of you.
 A. Yes.
 Q. Can you hear them.
 A. No.

At this moment Mrs. x indicated that something had been placed in the small of her back. She put her hands behind her back as if attempting to remove it and at the same time said, "Take it away it hurts."

- Q. How does it feel now.
 A. Better
 Q. Now will you tell us about those bright lights again.
 A. Bright lights in the side mirror and little lights scattered about, like someone behind me wanting to overtake.
 Q. What do you feel.
 A. I just feel like he is taking his time getting past me. I don't know what he is playing at. The lights are still there. I'm looking in my mirror. It's got to be above me.

At this time Mrs. x indicated that her head was hurting, she also put her hands to her head.

- Q. What about the lights.
 A. Slowly, slowly going round.
 Q. Are you still in your car.
 A. I don't know.
 Q. Are you feeling apprehensive.
 A. Yes, my cheeks are hot. My hands are hot. Whatever it is it's above the car.
 Q. Are you absolutely sure.
 A. Absolutely, can't be anywhere else. It's the only place for it.
 Q. Is it a helicopter.
 A. No, no noise.
 Q. What can you hear.
 A. Quiet.
 Q. Is the surface of the road smooth.
 A. Yes, very smooth, very smooth, good road.
 Q. You can hear your car engine though can't you.
 A. Umm very quiet night (Starts humming and laughing) Oh dear, my hands are starting to tingle. (Laughing again)
 Q. Are they tingling on the steering wheel.
 A. Don't know, it's funny, funny feeling, feeling creeping over me.
 Q. A tingling feeling.
 A. Yes.
 Q. Can you feel anything rubbing on your back.
 A. Not at the moment, I did have before, I've told them to take it away. Don't want it.
 Q. Told who to take it away.
 A. Don't know.
 Q. And did They

- A. Well, it's not there now. I'm going cold.
- Q. Are the lights still there.
- A. Can't see anything at the moment.
- Q. What do you feel.
- A. Don't see or feeling at the moment. It's the feeling in my head that I want to get rid of.
- Q. What's the feeling like.
- A. It's like a pressure, when I touch it, it hurts. It's like a square there. (Indicates between eyes).
- Q. Between your eyes.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Do you want the pressure to go away.
- A. Yes.
- Q. Are you still in the car.
- A. Trying to get to this pressure. Somethings in my head.
- Q. What is it.
- A. I don't know it's heavy.
- Q. Can you hear anything.
- A. No, it's quiet. Something round my head.
- Q. Is it right round your head.
- A. Top, of my head, like a band.
- Q. Can you touch it.
- A. No I can't it's like a pressure. Like the thing wants to hold me.
- Q. Does the pressure increase when your trying to think about the questions being put to you.
- A. Yes, yes sometimes.
- Q. Think back towards the night and about the lights.
- A. The beam came down, another light across the front of the car. It flashed in my face.
- Q. Can you tell the colour of it.
- A. Very white, very, very white.
- Q. Can you still see them, Can you still remember the beams of light from your own headlights.
- A. No, there's no comparison, they were drowned in this wonderful light.
- Q. Can you see further ahead around you, the road on the other side of the car, the grass, the kerb, is everything illuminated.
- A. No, not everything just where the light is, there's such a quick flash. Very bright.
- Q. Is it shining in front of you.
- A. In a way, yes, but across.
- Q. It's gone across you.
- A. Yes it's across.
- Q. Which side from.
- A. Right hand side, but it's from the sky.
- Q. Where has it gone.
- A. Don't know, it's just gone. A big beam came down.
- Q. Is it as brilliant as the other beam.
- A. Different. Yes it's brilliant, but it doesn't seem as white, unless it's a different angle.
- Q. Is it hot or cold.
- A. Pretty cold. I've got a headache.
- Q. Why don't you tell them to take your headache away.

There was no reply to this question.

- Q. What are you doing now.
A. I don't know.
Q. You must know what you are doing.
A. Feels funny, it's my arm.
Q. What feels funny, your arms, why.
A. Sort of warm and there's something. (Puts hands out in front of her face as if trying to feel something very flimsy).
Q. What can you see.
A. I don't know it's very dark.
Q. Are you lying down.
A. Yes.
Q. Is it absolute dark, can you feel anything.
A. Something's there. (Hands out about a foot from her face).
Q. What does it feel like.
A. It's sort of warm, it's like a?
Q. Like a what, something warm, close to you.
A. Yes. I don't know what it is. It's warm..
Q. Can you see.
A. No, it's the pressure.
Q. Is there something in front of your eyes.
A. Could be, strange sometimes like a?
Q. Ask them to take it away.

No reply to this question.

Q. What did they say.
A. They won't.
Q. Are they going to take it off.
A. There's something in my head.
Q. Ask them why it's there.
A. They're wanting information.
Q. What kind of information, tell them they can have all the information they want without going to the lengths they are.
A. They think that's funny. (She starts laughing loudly).
Q. They think what's funny, do they have a sense of humour then.
A. Oh yes. They don't trust us.
Q. They don't trust us, well perhaps we don't trust them either.
A. They won't let anything go until they are sure.
Q. Ask them where they're from.
A. Distant Galaxy.
Q. Where do they live.
A. Zircon, something like that.
Q. Will they show themselves, tell them you won't harm them.
A. They say that they want to be like a friend, I feel like I'm with someone higher. Just a feeling, must sit up very straight, very proud, with my head up.
Q. Why.
A. I don't know.
Q. Is it because they look upon you favourably.
A. Yes.
Q. Well if they're friendly why are they making it so that you can't see them.
A. Don't know.
Q. Is your headache still like it was before.
A. It's still there but not as bad as it was before.
Q. Are you still laying down.

- A. No. I feel as if I'm sitting up now.
- Q. Well perhaps you can see them better now you're sitting up. Perhaps they're allowing you to sit up so that you can see them.
- A. I don't think they trust us.
- Q. Why.
- A. Very cautious.
- Q. Are they still examining you, why are they on their guard.
- A. They are very gentle people.
- Q. Why do you say people.
- A. I just sense it.
- Q. Ask them if they are religious.
- A. They do not know what religion is.
- Q. Ask them if you are important to them.
- A. Yes, Yes, Yes, Oh Yes.
- Q. Because you're a woman.
- A. It helps.
- Q. Why.
- A. We can communicate better.
- Q. But I thought that they didn't want to communicate.
- A. They do in their way, not our way.
- Q. What is their way.
- A. They have many ways.
- Q. Have they got control over us.
- A. They could have, they don't want it.
- Q. Are they protecting us.
- A. Yes, in a way.
- Q. Have we got enemies.
- A. Yes, from far away.
- Q. Where.
- A. Out there.
- Q. Will they protect us from them.
- A. Of course.
- Q. Have these enemies a name.
- A. They have a name.
- Q. Are we allowed to hear it or do we already know it.
- A. It keeps coming back as black.
- Q. Ask them why they protect us.
- A. They're just guardians, they're good.
- Q. Ask them they have been coming here, how long have they been guardians of the earth.
- A. Centuries.
- Q. You said that straight away, why.
- A. Don't know came to me.
- Q. Will they always be our guardians.
- A. Depends when the others come, us getting good or evil. We are evil.
- Q. Are we.
- A. In their eyes, the world is turning evil.
- Q. Haven't they the power to stop it.
- A. They have got equal strengths.
- Q. Do you mean good and evil.
- A. Good and evil.
- Q. And evil's winning.
- A. No, if we're careful.
- Q. What about.

- A. Where we go in the future.
- Q. Are they our gods.
- A. We call them such.
- Q. We do.
- A. Since time immemorial, we call them many names.
- Q. What kind of names.
- A. Zeus, it's the first name, Akabar.
- Q. Ask them if they ever lived on earth.
- A. They came once.
- Q. What, for a visit, will they tell you what happened, why they left.
- A. They can help us but they can't carry us.
- Q. How will they help us.
- A. Through special powers.
- Q. What powers.
- A. Can't see anything but I sense white.
- Q. White powers, who are they accountable to.
- A. A force greater than them.
- Q. God.
- A. We call him that.
- Q. Don't they call him that.
- A. It's like they can't explain. We wouldn't understand. It's not as we think.
- Q. Why is it that we are able to put questions to them now when the incident happened two months ago. Is it something to do with what they've done to you, once they have been in contact with you, do they condition you so they can be in contact with you again.
- A. It takes a long time, but I also feel as if they have touched me in green form.
- Q. If you have been touched in green form, is it that if you want to tune into them you can do.
- A. I've got a headache, right inside my head, it's almost like I was laying down.
- Q. Do they realise that they are communicating with us through you.
- A. Umm.
- Q. They realise this do they, do they realise that their communication is bringing you pain.
- A. Yes, but they say it's bearable and it is bearable. It's a very heavy pressure, almost like I've got something in my head.
- Q. Will you ask them a question, if they can solve a mystery for us. When they first contacted you did they stop your car.
- A. They have no need to.
- Q. Did they distort time for you.
- A. Time is no object to them.
- Q. They say that they have no need to stop your car, by emitting their beam, was that enough to become aware of their presence, is that their means. Are they going to let you see them.
- A. You ask these sort of questions and my head hurts.
- Q. Why can't you see them.
- A. My eyes are not accustomed to their light.
- Q. Is this why you can't see them. Will they ever show themselves to us.
- A. Not in the way we think.
- Q. Ask them if all these strange flying objects which we see in this area at night are them.

- A. No they are both.
 Q. So there are others.
 A. Yes.
 Q. Are these others the force of evil.
 A. Some are, some are evil.
 Q. Are these hostile.
 A. Not yet.
 Q. What does that mean.
 A. Time is no consequence to them, it means nothing.
 Q. Would these evil beings harm anyone who got too close to them.
 A. Yes, if they got in too closer vicinity.
 Q. Did they destroy the man at Halifax.
 A. Yes.
 Q. Why.
 A. I don't know.
 Q. They did do it then.
 A. Not these people, the evil ones.
 Q. Do they know his name, the man who died at Halifax.
 A. No.
 Q. How can we avoid this evil.
 A. We can't avoid them.
 Q. Is the evil all around us.
 A. Yes, they're weighing us up, watching, making plans.
 Q. Plans for what.
 A. To take over.
 Q. Who is taking over, good or evil.
 A. That's why they are fighting, we've attracted them to us.
 Q. Is it the way we fight each other.
 A. No.
 Q. Do our minds have a great influence.
 A. Very much so.
 Q. If the world was a peaceful place, would the people with whom you are communicating be stronger, and would evil be diminished.
 A. It would.
 Q. Have we ever in the thousands of years
- A. The wars have nothing to do with it.
 Q. You've read my mind.
 Q. It's getting late, will they allow us to come back another night and communicate with them.
 A. They would like that.

Due to the very late hour and the fact that Mrs. x had been under hypnosis for four hours, it was decided to terminate the session and resume at a later date. Consequently Mrs. x was returned from the trance-like state to her normal self.

Part Three

On Thursday, 10th June 1982, the third hypnotic session was held and lasted from 8.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m., when Mrs. x was once again taken back over her journey. The conversation took the form of questions and answers. The sequence of events were as follows:

Questions were put to Mrs. x by the hypnotist, Graham Birdsall and Anthony Dodd. There were no other persons present.

After sitting in a relaxed position for some time Mrs. x suddenly sat upright with her head held high, in a dignified manner.

- Q. Are we talking to Christine.
 A. I am Christine, you are talking to Zeus.
 Q. Ask him how he travels from his distant Galaxy.
 A. By beam of light.
 Q. Does he travel by machine.
 A. Over longer distances.
 Q. How fast does his machine go.
 A. As fast as he requires. The pressure is pushing me down.
 Q. Is it painful.
 A. No it's very heavy.
 Q. Are you experiencing any fear.
 A. No.
 Q. On the last session we asked which planet they came from. They answered Zircon. Would you ask them if this is their name for the planet or ours.
 A. They say that we do not know it.
 Q. Ask them if life ends at death.
 A. No.
 Q. If Zeus is a God as we know it, does he require us to worship him.
 A. No.
 Q. Can you give us the names of other Gods.
 A. There are many Gods, they are an all involved power.
 Q. If Zeus has got a name the other Gods must have a name.
 A. Narcias is the name coming to me.
 Q. In our organisation we frequently hear of men dressed in black visiting witnesses to UFO incidents and warning them to say nothing of what they have seen. Are they from this world.
 A. They are not of this world. They are evil, evil, evil, evil.
 Q. There is a theory that there is a race far in advance of our own living in the inside of the earth. Is this true and if so are they friendly or hostile.
 A. There is such a race and they are hostile.
 Q. Where do they enter and leave the earth.
 A. I am getting Bermuda Triangle.
 Q. Have you any way of proving that you are who you say you are.
 A. We have, but tonight is not the time.
 Q. We understand that you came to our planet many years ago, where did you reside.
 A. Acrea.
 Q. Did an advanced civilisation inhabit the earth millions of years ago.
 A. Yes.
 Q. What happened to them.
 A. They were destroyed in an interplanetary war.
 Q. Would you be prepared to give us a demonstration that you are who you say you are to an invited audience.
 A. In our own time.
 Q. Are we speaking to one entity or more.
 A. You are speaking to Zeus.

Editor: We are deeply indebted to Anthony Dodd and Graham Birdsall for their persistence in obtaining these regression interviews. This is the most detailed account of such an event we have yet had an opportunity to publish and some of the revelations are remarkable.

The second session is very strong in proper names and locations which, if authentic, are astounding. There are doubts of course that some or all of the statements are emanating from the sub-conscious mind involving sexual and religious feelings and names derived from mythological or science fiction sources.

A fourth session has already been held, but no contact whatsoever was made. The fifth is being arranged and Awareness will, of course, report any further positive results.

SELECTED UFO REPORTS

By D.N. Mansell

27th July, 1980. Time: Early hours. Place - N. Wales, UK

The witness was fishing with his dog near his home in the early hours of the morning, when suddenly he saw approaching from a distance a bright pulsating light coming closer and closer. The object hovered for a while over where he was fishing and then landed in a near-by field. The witness crept close to the object and saw a cylinder-shaped craft about five feet wide and six feet high, standing on a tripod. A door opened and a metal ladder fell to the ground, a grey-suited figure descended, followed by two others. They were very tall and were carrying buckets and spades and proceeded to dig nearby. However, the witnesses dog began to bark and ran towards the craft. That was the last thing the witness remembered as he seemed to have lost consciousness. When he came round it was day-light and his dog had disappeared, never to be seen again.

CREDIT - NORTH WALES CHRONICLE

13th September 1980. Time: Evening. Place - Scunthorpe, Lancs.

Two brothers were driving home in their car, when they saw a bright orange light in the sky. The light was similar to a sodium street light. The object disappeared for a short time then re-appeared further down the road, then disappeared completely.

CREDIT - THE STAR

20th September, 1980. Time: 7.15 a.m. Place - City unknown, England

More than twenty workers at a Rogerstone Factory saw a UFO rest on Twm Barlwm Mountain, and glow a brilliant light. A black cloud came over the mountain and when it cleared there was a massive white oblong object resting on the ground. It was like a double-decker bus. The object was positioned just to the right of the ancient encampment

which forms a prominent hump on the mountain. It glowed a vivid white, blended into the background, then got bigger again. One witness described the object as a silver-oval dome, made of aluminium. The object disappeared completely at 10.45 a.m.

CREDIT - WEEKLY ARGUS

29th October 1980. Time - 7.00 p.m. Place - Newport S. Wales

An aircraft enthusiast saw a triangular mass of white light travelling slowly above the village of Aberbargoed. The witness described two bright lights at the bottom corner and a blue-green light slowly turning red at the apex. The object disappeared from view quite slowly. A Police spokesman said the witness (an expert on aviation) was convinced it was not a form of aircraft.

CREDIT - SOUTH WALES ARGUS

11th October 1980. Time - Approx. 11.00 p.m. Place - Westbourne Dorset

Seconds after the Saturday's television "Match of the Day", the witness heard a loud bleeping. Rushing outside, he found the sound was coming from a bright star-like object hovering in the sky. As he watched it streaked off side-ways, cut to sea at an incredible speed. The noise stopped as it flew away and it accelerated like nothing on earth and was gone in a few seconds.

CREDIT - BOURNEMOUTH TIMES

30th October 1980. Time - 12.30 a.m. Place - Wigan Lancashire

A woman watched what at first she thought was an aircraft. The object seemed to be stationary, but the craft could have been travelling away from her slowly. The craft had blue lights, two at the bottom and one at the top. The top light kept changing to red. It looked as if the light was revolving. The object was visible for nearly 30 minutes.

CREDIT - THE OBSERVER

3rd December 1980. Time 5.00 a.m. Place - Doncaster Yorkshire

The witness had what he thought was a close encounter. Looking out of a kitchen window he saw a large brilliant light, like mercury vapour. He got some binoculars and saw a large semi-circular object. On observing it he saw two more lights coming in from different directions toward the object. They seemed to touch and then went out. The craft was stationary for about two minutes, then it started moving vertically and disappeared.

CREDIT - EVENING POST

Letter to the Editor

From Margaret Fry (North Kent Investigator)

Dear Derek,

It is with some sadness that I write to tell you that Jean Hingley died on the 23rd July. She was ill only a couple of days with an internal problem. I had got to know her fairly well and we rang each other on a regular basis. The last UFO she saw was very large, about 100 feet off the ground - with an insignia. It was cigar-shaped and the date was 14th December 1981. I will write about this shortly.

I think Jean Hingley gave a marvellous hand-up to Ufology by sticking to her guns to the end - despite ridicule; unfair treatment from her bosses, enforced resignation from her job and hostility from many people. Jean went on re-affirming what happened (and I firmly believe it did happen) in her forthright, loud, honest, simple and uncomplicated way. No-one ever budged her an inch. She did not read, so had only her own ideas and experience to relate. Her interpretation of what she experienced were child-like and literal as the Catholics who accept what happened at Fatima and Lourdes.

I hope "Awareness" will make some comments on Jean's passing. We will only fully understand as we advance in Science, knowledge of the universe and recognise that there are many dimensions of existence. Even the spectrum of our vision is strictly limited - I do believe people - you or I - only see UFO's when we are in direct alignment to an object. Like the rainbow, it has to be many exact degrees to the Sun and our spectrum, for us to see the reality of it - so to UFOs - which explains why a person a few yards from another or directly under an object may see nothing.

Margaret Fry, Bexleyheath.

EDITOR:

We regret this news from Margaret. The late Mrs. Jean Hingley was the percipient in the detailed report which was published in "Awareness" Vol. 10, No. 2, Summer 1981, pages 3-9. We have no records of witnesses succumbing to fatal illnesses within a short time (2½ years in this case) subsequent to experiencing Close Encounters with UFO occupants, but there is obviously grounds for investigation in this area.

BOOK REVIEW

"The Cosmic Serpent" by V. Clube, B. Napier.
Faber & Faber, 1982. £12.50

The co-authors of this book, both being astronomers, lay before the reader a strong, fascinating and interesting hypothesis that the termination of the geological ages was caused by the intervention of extra-terrestrial bodies - namely comets on collision courses with the Earth. To prove this point, most of the book is devoted to these cosmic bodies about which very little real data is known and a

plausible case for their origin in the Galaxy is postulated. In so doing, some theories regarding the origin of the Universe, so frequently presented as fact by certain media personalities, appear now to be somewhat dubious.

Those familiar with the works of Velikovsky, and his 'Worlds in Collision' in particular, will note that the authors, in part, agree with his theory of a cometary disaster circa 1400 BC; and also with the effect that this event had on Egyptian chronology. Although this is the main illustration cited for a cometary collision, and is dealt with at some length, the Tunguska 'cometary' disaster is also mentioned. Those readers who are familiar with the research work carried out by Messrs. Hovana and Weverbergh for "UFO's behind the Iron Curtain" (Corgi 1972) will note that there has been an omission by Clube and Napier of certain vital evidence contrary to the cometary theory concerning the behaviour of this object - most notably the remarkable sudden change of direction before it exploded.

The book is well illustrated, containing many interesting photographs and early historical drawings of comets and meteors, but it should be pointed out that the text is hardly designed for the general public and requires a degree of concentration to follow it through. For those who persevere, however, it will be a rewarding book - particularly in the implication that both Uniformitarianism and Catastrophism are but different sides of the same coin in our little understood Universe.

D.S. Allan, MA

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